

REMARKS

In a Non-final Office Action dated 14 September 2005, the Office rejected Claims 6-8, 17-19, 28-30, 37 and 38 as being based upon a rejected base claim but containing otherwise allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form. The Office further rejected Claims 1-5, 12, 14-16, 23, 25-27, and 32 as being anticipated under 102(b) and Claims 9-11, 13, 20-22, 24, and 31 as being obvious 103(a).

The Applicant has amended the independent Claims 1, 12, 23, and 33, to include the limitation of "defining a mirror disposed on a surface of the optical detector" and cancelled the dependent claims Claims 6, 17, 28, and 37 that had previously included the limitation that the Office noted in the first paragraph of Page 2 as not being present in the prior art.

The remaining dependent claims containing the limitation, Claims 7, 8, 18, 19, 29, and 30 were further amended to remove the limitation now found in the independent claims from which they depend.

Claims 1, 12, 23, and 33 are the only independent claims and therefore all of the remaining claims are in a condition for allowance as amended.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant has amended the independent claims, Claims 1, 12, 23, and 33, to incorporate the limitation of a mirror disposed on the surface of the optical detector. As such, the claims are placed in a condition for allowance, having cancelled the dependent claims, Claims 6, 17, 28, and 37, in which the limitation was introduced.

The claims now being in a condition for allowance, the Applicant requests that all inquiries or actions on the part of the Examiner be directed to the Applicant's attorney of record, the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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